

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE

## NASHUA ARTS COMMISSION

January 12, 2016

CITY HALL, NASHUA NH

Members in attendance: Amy DeRoche, John Egan, Bonnie Guerico, Tracy Hatch, Paul LaFlamme, Donna Metzger, Liz Racioppi, Eric Valliere, Kathy Hersh, Ginnie Lupi, Sarah Marchant and Tom Galligani.

Called to order: 9:04am

1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the previous meeting's minutes, distributed by Amy DeRoche.
2. Ginnie Lupi from the NH State Council on the Arts agreed to moderate this morning's meeting while we start our strategic planning for the upcoming year.

We started by listing what the Art Commission already currently does during the year.

- Give \$25K in grants
- Advise Mayor quarterly on the projects that are currently being worked on
- Facilitate relationships between community arts groups and the city gov't
- Currently working on the performing arts center project.
- Increase the visibility of the arts in the city gov't
- Involvement in the public art process

Roles in the community:

- Helping artists and organizations with the use of public and private space.
- Educate the community and city gov't about the importance of the arts.

### Next steps for 2016:

- New leadership needed – new chair
- Have a small group meet with the new mayor to determine what his vision for the commission is.
- Recruit new members of the commission. Need to diversify in all areas. (ethnicity, age, business interests)
- Convening quarterly to keep the public engaged with arts
- Grant application announcement – March
- Grants awarded in April. Remind last year's recipients about reports that are due in February

Meeting adjourned: 11:00am